

PUBLIC HEARINGS/COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform in the District of Columbia

Mayor Anthony A. Williams has established a Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform. The Commission's charge is to study youth safety and the juvenile justice system in the District of Columbia and to make recommendations for their improvement to Mayor Williams by September 1, 2001. The Commission is holding two public hearings in order to get input on those subjects from representatives of public and private agencies and the public. Commission members want to hear what you have to say about youth development, community-based services and programs, experiences and interactions with juvenile justice agencies, and other issues related to youth and public safety and juvenile justice.

**THE MEETING FORMAT WILL INCLUDE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS
SO THAT AS MANY VOICES AS POSSIBLE CAN BE HEARD.**

DISCUSSIONS WILL BE MODERATED BY FACILITATORS.

**YOUTH AND FAMILIES ARE STRONGLY
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

NOTE: Written comments may also be submitted to the Commission.
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WHEN: Saturday, March 31, 2001
WHERE: Cardozo Senior High School
1300 Clifton Street, NW
TIME: 11:00 am- 2:00 pm

WHEN: Thursday, April 5, 2001
WHERE: Anacostia Senior High School
1601 16th Street, SE
TIME: 6:30 pm- 9:30 pm

The questions listed below are provided as examples of discussion topics and themes:

- **Youth Crime and Violence:** What are the major issues? Do youth feel safe in our neighborhoods?
- **Youth Programs:** What is needed? What works? What does not work to prevent crime and violence? What supportive services are needed for children and youth in your community?
- **Police:** What role do the police play in your neighborhood? How are relations with the police?
- **Juvenile Justice System:** Have you ever had an experience with juvenile justice agencies? What was it like? What has worked or does not work to promote rehabilitation of youth who enter the system? Does Oak Hill serve a beneficial purpose? Do community placements serve a beneficial purpose?
- **Public Policy:** How can government better assist with some of the problems identified? What are the challenges to effective changes in the juvenile justice system? How can government partner with communities in better ways to address youth violence and crime?



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